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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny

Exemption(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Declassify: ☐ In Part ☐ In Full☐ Classify as \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Extend as \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Downgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Declassify on \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

President Roberto Viola  
 Casa Rosada  
 Balcarce 50  
 Buenos Aires, Argentina

Mr. President:


We are aware through the 1980 report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the continued violations of human rights and absence of customary legal safeguards in Argentina. As a Christian and ex-military officer who fought against Nazism in the Second World War, I am particularly disgusted by the selective and obscene brutality towards Argentinians of Jewish descent in prisons under your authority.

In the name of Christian charity, we pray that you will release the following prisoners before Christmas:

Mario Jaime Zarsceansky  
 Rosana Judith Szaferstein  
 Isaac Rudnik Ortiz  
 Pablo Bohoslavsky  
 Ruben Sergio Pra  
 Jose Erlich  
 Gustavo Westerkamp  
 Graciela Mellibovsky

We have not forgotten nor will we forget.

Sincerely,

  
 Dr. Paul E. Damon, Member  
 Tucson Committee for Human Rights  
 in Latin America

cc: Argentine Embassy  
 Inter-American Commission on Human Rights  
 United Nations Working Group on Enforced or  
 Involuntary Disappearances  
 Congressman Morris K. Udall  
 Senator Dennis DeConcini  
 Senator Barry Goldwater  
 Bureau of Human Rights, Department of State